GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:873
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CONCESSION TO HANDLOOM WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of representations received from the cooperative societies of the weavers and other organizations for giving more exemptions and concessions to the handloom weavers particularly in the backward and rural areas during each of the last three years, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the details of exemptions/concessions being given to the handloom weavers; and

(d) the number of handloom weavers of various States including Uttar Pradesh benefited during each of the last three years, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): Several representations have been received from time to time from various handloom weavers' organizations, including Handloom Co-operative Societies for extending benefits to the handloom weavers. The Government has introduced various new Schemes like Health Insurance Scheme, Mahatma Gandhi Bunker Bima Yojana, Handloom Mark, Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme, Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme etc. for development of handloom sector during the X Plan period.

(c): The Government of India is also providing financial support as grant under the following schemes for development of Handloom Sector and welfare of handloom weavers:

i) Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana(DDHPY)
ii) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme,
iii) Integrated Handloom Training Project (IHTP)
iv) Marketing promotion Programme
v) Handloom Export Scheme
vi) Mill Gate Price Scheme
vii) Thrift Fund Scheme etc.

(d) Details of number of weavers benefited under the handloom schemes during the last three years are given in the statement annexed.

Annexure
Statement referred to in reply to Part (d) of the Unstarred Lok Sabha Question No.873 for answer on 06.03.2007

S. No.	State	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	Arunachal Pradesh	40	340	35474
2	Assam	246283	280623	295682
3	Andhra Pradesh	58464	184550	160283
4	Bihar	544	0	280
5	Chhatisgarh	774	1283	3293
6	Delhi	60	601	2417
7	Gujarat	5903	3225	20432
8	Goa	0	0	0
9	Haryana	100	505	140
10	Himachal Pradesh	940	600	4985
11	J & K	1611	400	584
12	Jharkhand	40	0	11220
13	Karnataka	35542	71789	66295

14	Kerala	42552	11065	11878
15	Madhya Pradesh	370	5860	8434
16	Manipur	40	1323	18928
17	Maharashtra	768	775	6523
18	Meghalaya	0	0	1071
19	Mizoram	40	0	200
20	Nagaland	11584	0	24893
21	Orissa	21206	40981	65586
22	Punjab	0	12700	0
23	Pondicherry	60	0	0
24	Rajasthan	7675	26294	10526
25	Sikkim	0	0	120
26	Tripura	610	340	1077
27	Tamilnadu	223405	294162	509623
28	Uttar Pradesh	31848	23127	32897
29	Uttaranchal	500	2068	4395
30	West Bengal	2080	26173	35571
31	Other agencies	160	15353	90
	Total	693199	1004137	1332897

Under the marketing Promotion Programme, individual weavers are assisted through their participation in the Craft Melas and around 1200 weavers participate in Delhi Haat every year to sell their products. Handloom weavers are also provided opportunity to market their products in the Exhibitions held at National and District Levels.